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Welcome!

2011 legislative session review:

What it means for licensed child care

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Who's talking?

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Today's agenda

- 2011 legislative session review
 - ✓ Changes for child care licensing
 - ✓ Other early learning issues
- Questions



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2011 legislative session: Child care licensing bills



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January 2011 child care licensing report

- ✓ www.del.wa.gov/government/legislature/reports.aspx
- ✓ Recommendations for improving child care licensing practices, including:
 - ✓ Continuing licenses
 - ✓ Licensing technology
 - ✓ Weighted rules
 - ✓ Rule making



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House Bill 1903—Portable background check registry

- ✓ Creates a new portable background check registry by July 1, 2012.
- ✓ Gives licensed child care employees a three-year “portable” clearance card, which they can use to work in more than one facility during those three years.



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House Bill 1903—Portable background check registry

What does it mean for you?

- ✓ Increased safety: Fingerprint checks for anyone applying for a background check for the first time starting July 1, 2012, will need to do a fingerprint check.
- ✓ Efficiency for licensees: No longer need to double-staff rooms while background checks clear.
- ✓ Licensees will need to pay a one-time \$45 fee in July to set up the registry.



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Senate Bill 5625—Nonexpiring licenses

- ✓ Authorizes DEL to begin using a non-expiring child care license
- ✓ Help streamline monitoring visits, so that there is not a full renewal visit every three years.
- ✓ Monitoring visits continue at current time frame:
 - ✓ At least once every 18 months for family homes
 - ✓ At least once every 12 months for child care centers



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Senate Bill 5625—Nonexpiring licenses

- ✓ To qualify for a non-expiring license, providers must be “in good standing” and submit:
 - ✓ Annual licensing fee.
 - ✓ Declaration indicating intent to continue or cease operating a licensed program.
 - ✓ Declaration of compliance with all licensing rules.
 - ✓ Background check application on schedule.
- ✓ No valid complaints, other information that when evaluated would result in a finding of noncompliance



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Senate Bill 5625—Nonexpiring licenses

What does it mean for you?

✓ What remains the same:

- ✓ Monitoring visits continue at current time frame:
 - ✓ At least once every 18 months for family homes
 - ✓ At least once every 12 months for child care centers

✓ What is different:

- ✓ Less paperwork: No more three-year renewal.
- ✓ Must submit information each year to be “in good standing”
- ✓ More time to work with your licensor on issues of safety, health and quality.

Senate Bill 5504—Unlicensed child care

- ✓ Doubles civil penalty DEL can assess for providing unlicensed child care in a family home to \$150 per day. (Center penalties remain at \$250 per day.)
- ✓ Requires DEL to post online information about unlicensed providers who have not moved toward licensure within 30 days of DEL notification.



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Senate Bill 5504—Unlicensed child care

What does it mean for you?

- ✓ Helps ensure that those who need a license get one.
- ✓ Helps inform families, public about importance of licensed care.



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House Bill 1776—School-age rules

- ✓ Regarding health and safety requirements for child care programs that serve school-age children and are operated in buildings that contain public or private schools



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Senate Bill 5005—Immunization exemptions

- ✓ Requires a licensed health care provider to sign the certificate of exemption for a parent/guardian to exempt their child from school and child care immunization requirements.
- ✓ Religious group exemptions still apply.
- ✓ For more information:
www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/schools/exemption-info.htm



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2011 legislative session: Other early learning issues



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Senate Bill 5921—WorkFirst program changes

- ✓ Allows volunteer work at a parents' child care or preschool to count toward approved TANF work activities.
- ✓ Requires anyone who applies for subsidies to also seek child support enforcement services unless there is good cause not to.
- ✓ Creates an Office of Fraud and Accountability at DSHS
- ✓ Requires DEL and DSHS to report to Legislature by December 31, 2011, our recommendations for how to move to electronic attendance records for child care subsidies.

Senate Bill 5427—WaKIDS

- ✓ Moves forward with our state's kindergarten readiness process (the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills, or WaKIDS).
- ✓ Schools with state-funded full-day kindergarten classrooms can use WaKIDS on a voluntary basis during the 2011-2012 school year, and on a mandatory basis beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. Other schools may participate on a voluntary basis with their own funding. Schools that participated in the 2010-2011 WaKIDS pilot may participate as well.
- ✓ Requires fairness and bias review of the assessment process before implementing WaKIDS.
- ✓ Will be building early learning part of WaKIDS this year.

Licensing fee increase

- ✓ Increases licensed child care provider annual fees
 - ✓ \$30 for family homes
 - ✓ \$125 base rate for centers with a \$12 per-child capacity fee for all children after the first 12.



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What happens when?

July 1, 2011

- Licensing fee increase
- One-time \$45 fee for portable background check registry

Fall 2011

WaKIDS voluntary in state-funded full-day kindergarten (mandatory beginning in school year 2012-2013)

July 1, 2013

All providers must have background check on file in portable background check registry

July 22, 2011

- **Senate Bill 5625**
Nonexpiring licenses
- **Senate Bill 5504**
Unlicensed child care
- **Senate Bill 5005**
Immunization exemptions

July 1, 2012

- Portable background check registry created
- Fingerprint checks for anyone newly applying for a background check

Questions?



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